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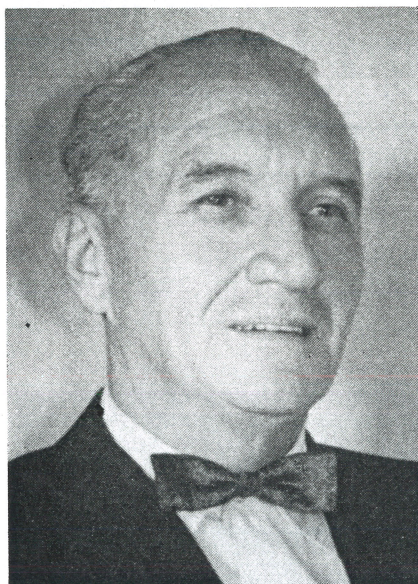
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Pres. George B. Everton, Sr.

Presidents Message

As I have met with the SUP Chapters the past few months I have been impressed with the dedication of the individuals and the unity of the chapters in upholding the ideals of the Utah Pioneers. This is wonderful, just as it should be. Every chapter has had a marvelous spirit of determination to continue to build up our organization by increasing activities and encouraging more eligible men to join our ranks.

Another observation is that the more active and potent groups include in many, if not all of their meetings, their sweetheart wives. This is a phase of SUP affairs that should be seriously considered by every chapter. The ladies lend a dignity that is extremely valuable and a unity that will be felt in all the projects and activities of the chapter. Invite them as often as possible. They will enjoy a night out with your group, and you will enjoy their company and the congenial spirit always attendant when they are present.

There are many local and nation wide projects all chapters should be considering and supporting. Our Pioneer Story Contest has long been one of the major means we have used to preserve the precious memories of our pioneer forefathers. This activity has been under the chairmanship of Dr. Walter A. Kerr for many years and we should all take our hats off to him for the hundreds of stories that have been gathered,

published and preserved under his direction. But, what about your chapter? Have you taken full advantage of this great opportunity? Talk it up. Appoint a chairman for your chapter if you don't have one. Advertise this contest in your schools and in all your community so that this proven method of preserving history may continue. If you have any questions or need help in any way on this project contact Dr. Kerr, either through the SUP at Pioneer Village or at his home, 132 University Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Another contest which goes right along with the Pioneer Story Contest is the Youth Pioneer Photo Contest. This activity is starting this year and needs the help of every chapter to make it as successful as the story contest has been. Appoint a chairman. Publicize it. Offer local prizes. Push it as much as you possibly can. The National Society Youth Photo Contest rules were published in the September-October 1964 SUP News, page 15. If you need more information you may contact Chairman Everett H. Call, 2600 Evergreen Ave., Salt Lake City, or the SUP office, 2998 Connor St.

Another important project which should be initiated in almost every chapter is that of writing a history of their activities from organization to date. If you have one, fine. If not, assign one of your members to dig out the facts regarding when, where, how and who organized and then carried on through the years. This is very important. Do it now while the facts can be gathered. A history of your chapter will become more valuable with each passing year and to wait will make it harder and harder to assemble all the facts you should have. Harold H. Jenson is National Historian, he can give you help if you need it. Contact him through the National office or at his home 1840 Westminster Ave., Salt Lake City.

Planning for two big treks this summer should be started immediately. All members are invited to go with the SUP Mormon Battalion on a bus trip that starts July 16, taking in the World's Fair, the Hill Cummorah Pageant, Washington, D. C., Nauvoo and other church points of interest, arriving home August 1. The cost will be so low it will take your

breath. Marvin E. Smith, 1665 Atkin Ave., Salt Lake City, is Chairman. The other trek will be to Cedar City, August 27, 28, and 29 for our annual encampment. Clement Judd, Cedar City, is chairman. The wise ones are already reserving vacation time and making plans for both of these trips. We assure you they will both be wonderful and well worth while for all SUP and their partners. Get on your marks, get set, GO! !

One more thought to make SUP stronger and assure that it will carry on through the years. The National Society has a Life Membership Committee. Why shouldn't your chapter also have one, or at least one man who is appointed to encourage this important phase of our organization? We recommend this to you. Life memberships have been issued to about 75 men. Let's raise this to at least 100 men by Encampment time. You are sold on SUP. Your life membership will help forever to carry on this organization and continue to foster many programs designed to honor our Pioneer forefathers. Get as many new members as possible and sell all the life memberships you can. SUP is gaining continually. Get on the wagon and go along with it.

Parson W. Webster Dies

Parson U. Webster, of Cedar City, former vice president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and former President of the Cedar City Chapter, SUP, died suddenly of a heart ailment at his farm near Cedar City.

Mr. Webster had been active in both church and civic affairs most all of his life, having been a bishop and a high councilman in the LDS Church as well as a city councilman for the city of Cedar City.

Mr. Webster was born May 22, 1893 at Cedar City. He married Evelyn Palmer in June of 1923. He is survived by his wife and four sons and daughters.

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Sons of Utah Pioneers and The Mormon Battalion Plan Trek

By Marvin E. Smith,
SUP Trek Chairman

EXCITING new developments are in process for the double-feature trek in July. It will include the New York World Fair and the famous Cumorah Pageant.

NEW DATE for departure will be the evening of July 16, and return the evening of August 1st. Travel will be in air-conditioned charter buses. Reason for leaving a week earlier is that the Pageant is being staged the week before our contemplated date. Also, this will fit within the time when the Salt Lake Temple is closed, thus making it possible for Temple workers to go.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS in the planning includes meeting and

parading at the White House for President L. B. Johnson; being at the World Fair on Utah Day (July 24); a day's travel in Canada from Niagra to Detroit; meeting and presenting greetings to Michigan Governor George Romney; touring an automobile plant in Michigan.

CURRENT estimate for the travel and hotel is \$230.00 per person. Also included in this 16-day bargain are admissions to the Fair, boat trip in N. Y., visit to observation tower of the Empire State building, sight seeing in the principle cities, and side trips to historic points of interest.

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community and also pictures of events, homes, and scenic places. A town plat is shown along with an indication of where each family lived. The end papers show a tracing of the Escalante River and its tributaries and a map of the area

BOOK REVIEWS

by Virgil V. Peterson

THE ESCALANTE STORY, 1875-1964, written and compiled by Nethella Griffin Woolsey, 1964.

The Escalante Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers is to be commended for their efforts in producing a volume that preserves a wealth of vital and historical material relating to this small, but significant, mile-high, Mormon settlement located virtually at the end of the road in Garfield County, Utah.

Although the scope of this history deals with the settlement of the community in 1875 and its growth, development, and happenings to the present, there is also included a chapter on the geography of the country, and others on discovery and exploration, Indians, and the Hole-in-the-Rock expedition.

This book, of necessity, is a very personalized history and as the author concludes, Escalante's chief export is people. Former residents are found over a wide geographical area and in a wide variety of businesses and professions. It would appear that the writers have assembled photos of nearly every person who has ever resided in the

Pioneer Village Citizenship

by Milton V. Backman

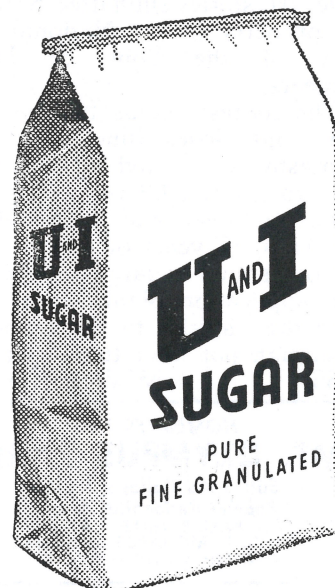
As our plans crystallize this coming year, each of us will have the opportunity to renew (if you are already a Citizen of Pioneer Village), or to become a citizen by mailing your check in the sum of \$25 or any multiple thereof to M. V. Backman, Chairman, Pioneer Village Citizenship, III Deseret Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah. Your contribution is tax exempt, and it will assist in the building up further of this wonderful SUP project which we plan to expand. Make your contribution now in order that the money might be put to work prior to our opening for the coming season.

of geographical interest surrounding Escalante.

This volume is an excellent example of a specialized local history. It will prove of interest and great worth to all former residents of the community as well as to students and lay readers of local history.



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Dr. Walter A. Kerr, Chairman, Announces Annual S.U.P. Pioneer Story Contest — 1965



One of the great purposes of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is to collect and preserve the precious gems of historic lore to be found in the experiences of our pioneer ancestors in the establishment and development of this commonwealth.

The President of each chapter should appoint a committee to take charge of the story contest and send the name of the chairman to the National Chairman. The National Society, through its chairman, will provide all application blanks.

Applications are to be submitted to the local chairman or to Walter A. Kerr, National Chairman, 132 University St., Salt Lake City Utah.

The story should not exceed 1500 words, and must be a true story or biography of some pioneer, preferable a pioneer ancestor of the contestant or a distant relative. All stories submitted become the property of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

The contest begins February 1, 1965 and closes June 15, 1965. Contestants are divided into two divisions, Senior Division, 18 years of age and over, and Junior Division, 11 to 17 years or age.

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BOOK REVIEWS

by Virgil V. Peterson

STANDING UP COUNTRY, THE CANYON LANDS OF UTAH AND ARIZONA, by C. Gregory Crampton. Alfred A. Knopf, University of Utah Press, and Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, 1964. \$15.00.

STANDING UP COUNTRY appropriately describes one of the most scenic areas of Western America, covering a vast expanse, 200 miles square, from Utah's Book Cliff area to the White Mesa country of Arizona and from Bryce Canyon to the Four Corners. This vast canyonland wilderness is still remote, in many parts, to tourism and accessible only by limited modes of travel. As the author aptly describes, "it is sandstone country that through the ages has been sculptured by the Colorado River and its tributaries into a grand tapestry of plateaus, mesas, buttes, and canyons."

A professor of history at the University of Utah for 20 years, Dr. Crampton views this volume as the "biography of a region," and the first of its kind on this particular region. Richly illustrated in color and gravure, the book is a jewel in geological depictions. The specially-prepared geological cross section is by Dr. William Lee Stokes. In this descriptive and stirring text, Professor Crampton includes a bit of archaeology and gives the history of the "conquistadores, explorers, cattle barons, Mormons, and gold rush days" of this fabulous region.

It is a magnificent volume.

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SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS FACT SHEET

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers first came into being about 1900 when Senator Reed Smoot organized a Native Sons group. It again flourished in 1910 but was not incorporated under the laws of Utah until 1933.

Since 1933 the Society has been very active and today numbers more than 1200 members in more than 25 active chapters. These chapters spread from Los Angeles to Washington, D. C., but are naturally confined mostly to Utah. Some of the Utah communities in which active SUP Chapters are established include: Logan, Garland, Tremonton, Brigham City, Ogden, Bountiful, Salt Lake City, Sandy, Lehi, Provo, St. George, Cedar City and Parowan.

Chapters like to adopt colorful names closely associated with community pioneer history, such as: Golden Spike, Temple Fork, Old Juniper, University of Deseret, Brigham Young, Thomas L. Kane, Howard Egan Pony Express, Bu-

ena Ventura, Ben Lomond, Pioneer Little Salt Lake, Dixie Mission, Hole-in-the-Rock, Temple Quarry, Temple Hill and Over Jordan.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers is in no way connected with the L.D.S. Church, but about 99 per cent of its membership is L.D.S. Herbert Auerbach, a prominent Jewish Merchant of Salt Lake City was at one time the National President of the Society.

Any man may join the Sons of Utah Pioneers **PROVIDING** he has at least **ONE** ancestor (either male or female—church member or non-church member) **WHO EITHER CAME TO UTAH or WAS BORN IN UTAH BEFORE MAY 10, 1869.** (This date marks the coming of the railroad and the end of the pioneer period.)

The membership in SUP costs only \$5. All subsequent years renewal dues are only \$5.00. Membership always ends annually on December 31. Dues should be re-

newed annually in December or by January 31. Every member receives an official pocket membership card. It identifies him. He also receives an official membership certificate. . . suitable for framing for his office wall, or home. He also receives a free subscription to the SUP NEWS, which is the official bi-monthly magazine of the Society. This SUP NEWS is sought after by universities, libraries, historical groups, archives, and schools all over the country. It is a collector's item.

Headquarters of the National Society are at:

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SUP PROFILES



Elias L. Day

Elias L. Day, who holds membership card No. 22 in the original Sons of the Utah Pioneers organization, was born at Draper, Salt Lake County, Utah.

He has made it a rule of life to always place his Church work first, and his service briefly is serving in the Wells Stake Presidency for thirteen years, in the Grant Stake High Council for four years, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. Presidency six years, a Mission to the Western States for over two years.

During Mission served as Conference President for two years and Branch President of the Lincoln Branch, for a short period. Was in charge of L.D.S. Church work at Fort Lewis during his service there in World War I.

Bro. Day filled offices in the Aaronic Priesthood, in the Deacons, Teachers and Priests quorum; served on the Law Enforcement Committee from the Wells Stake for ten years; Ward Teacher, fifty-five years. He is presently Instructor in the Whittier Ward High Priests group, having served as such for approximately ten years. He introduced Scouting to the Draper Ward within the first year after the Church took over: 1913-1914.

Military service included World War I receiving appointments to both Artillery and Infantry Officers' Schools. World War II served on the American Legion Alerte. Utah State Guard continuously since 1953. Rank, Lt. Colonel, and recently was appointed Adjutant General of the Utah

State Guard. Officially represented Utah in the Centennial Commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg, 1963.

He was reared on a farm, he left home at a young age to batch it in a tar paper shack and work for Utah Copper to save means for his education. Holds Teacher's certificate in State of Utah. Was awarded the first Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship certificate from the Law School of the University of Utah where he obtained a degree of LLB. Is admitted to the Supreme Court of the State of Utah, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, U. S. Federal District Court of the District of Utah and the Supreme Court of the United States. Has practiced law in Utah continuously since 1922, specializing in the trial of contested cases.

Active, politically, he campaigned for Charles Evans Hughes in 1916. Ran twice for the Governor of the State of Utah. Twelve years of continuous service in the Utah State Senate which is a record for his party. Was the author of the Utah Legislative Council Act, introduced and sponsored the present Fish and Game Code, the Tourist-Publicity set up, joint sponsor of the State Park bill and was Chairman of Revenue and Taxation.

His work in connection with the SUP has been extensive, having been one of the pioneers who crossed the plains in 1947, went on the Centennial Trek of the Mormon Battalion. Is now the Executive Officer thereof, attended the Inaugural Parade at Washington, D. C. with the Mormon Battalion — also Dedication of the Mormon Pioneer Bridge at Omaha — the historic Tucson trip in 1963 and many parades and lesser undertakings. He has been a member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club for over 25 years.

He has seven Pioneer Ancestors as follows: On his father's side Catherine Smith, Henry Day, Elizabeth Cottrell Day. On his mother's side, Thomas Butterfield, Mary Jane Parker Butterfield, George Miller, and Olive Butterfield Miller. His parents were Elias J. Day and Olive Miller Day. He married Gertrude J. Van Leeuwen, their family including William H. and Marjean Anderson Day; Raymond and Gertrude Edvalson; and John Marshall and Margaret Groome Day. William

is President of Tulsa Stake and Ray is in the Bishopric of the Highland Park Ward. They have six lovely grandchildren.

BOOK REVIEWS

by Virgil V. Peterson

DOWN THE COLORADO, by Robert Brewster Stanton and edited by Dwight L. Smith. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. 1965. \$5.00.

This, the 45th volume of the American Exploration Series of the University of Oklahoma Press, is the hitherto unpublished story of Stanton's own recordings of an expedition down the Colorado from Green River, Utah, to the Gulf of California.

Stanton, an engineer of repute, was selected in 1889 by S. S. Harper and Frank M. Brown to determine the feasibility of building a railroad paralleling the Colorado River to its mouth and thence to San Diego. This enterprise, conceived by Harper caught the fancy of Brown, a Denver investment tycoon, who visualized a potential fortune from the project.

This account traces the day-to-day activities of the survey party and contains sketches, photographs and engineering data collected enroute. The Cataract Canyon experience proved to be one of the most hazardous portions of the expedition. Brown, along with two other men of the party, lost their lives. Their cedar boats were finally smashed, supplies and equipment were lost, and food rationing was cut thin.

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Vice Pres. & Treasurer J. Fred Pingree Dies

RESOLUTION

Whereas, J. Fred Pingree having been born into this life on November 8, 1898 to David Morgan Pingree and Anna Zitman Pingree, and having matured to an age when he became a loving and devoted husband and father, and

Whereas, the said J. Fred Pingree having generously devoted his time to the welfare of his fellowmen through his church and civic capacities in his community through which those with whom he came in contact learned to love and respect him, and

Whereas, the said J. Fred Pingree having assisted and having been instrumental in the organization and success of The Sons of Utah Pioneer Luncheon Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, and

Whereas, this dear brother having through his untiring efforts, contributed to the keeping alive the heroic and noble spirits of his forefathers, and having been elevated to the office of Vice President and Treasurer of the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers to which office he was elected in September, 1964, and which office he held with distinction at the time of his demise, and

Whereas, our dear friend's services to his fellowmen on this earth having been brought to a close on January 6, 1965, and his having been called home to receive his just reward, and

Whereas, the said J. Fred Pingree having served the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers honorably and faithfully during

the whole period of time he occupied his position as Vice President and Treasurer and his having contributed greatly to the success of this organization,

Now Therefore It is Resolved by the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and records of said society and that a copy of same be presented to his lovely and devoted wife and family. George B. Everton, Sr.
President

BOOK REVIEWS

By Harold H. Jensen

"NEWER HORIZONS," by Lila P. Zona.

An Exposition-Lochinvar Book, Exposition Press, New York. \$6.00.

The authoress has assembled true historical and family facts in the life of Mary Hansen, her grandmother, and woven them into a most interesting biographical novel.

The story tells of a Danish family, father, mother, two sons and a daughter, who leave their native Denmark for America. Tragedy overtakes them almost every step of the way. A relative steals their savings, their youngest son dies and is buried at sea on the ten-week voyage. They arrive too late to join the pioneer company crossing the plains and have to wait a winter in New York. During this time the oldest son decides he wants a life at sea, and leaves the family. The father dies, the mother and daughter pioneer in what is called "Peaceful Valley," now Corinne, Utah.

Their struggles there in pioneering, the planting of seeds by the spring, brought from the Old Country, that live in beautiful trees long after the mother, who lost and regained her sight, passes on, and the grande finale, where girl meets boy and all ends happily makes an exciting tale that holds interest from start to finish.

Even the son returns to help his mother and sister, only to go again.

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SUP PROFILES



C. Lamont Felt

"Dynamic," best describes Charles Lamont Felt, one of the most congenial persons in the Sons of Utah Pioneers organization and third vice president of the Salt Lake SUP Luncheon Club.

"Monte," as most of his friends call him, was born in Salt Lake City, January 31, 1892, in the old Felt home at 155 North Main. His father was Joseph Henry Felt and mother, Elizabeth Mineer, and his grandfather, Nathaniel Henry Felt, was a Utah pioneer of 1850.

But this article is on "Monte," who went out at 17 to earn his own living and help his mother as his father had died. He went to work for the Utah Power & Light Company. His father had worked for Z.C.M.I. and had three wives and two families to support. The first wife was Pres. Louie B. Felt, President of the Primary Association, who had no children. She urged her husband to marry again that he might have posterity, even suggesting that he go out and woo and win and marry the young and beautiful Swedish girl who became "Monte's" mother. She bore him six beautiful children. "Monte" was the youngest. "Monte's" brothers and sisters are well known. They are Mrs. Louise (Dr. James B.) Keysor whose son, James B. Keysor, is now president of the Independence, Mo. Branch of the church; Mrs. Etta Toronto, mother of former Secretary of State Lamont F. Toronto; Wallace, head of Heart Association of Utah; Mrs. Roy (Irma) Bitner; Joseph Harold and Miss Vera Felt. Three have passed on, but

Mrs. Bitner, Mrs. Toronto and "Monte" remain.

"Monte's" boyhood was spent in the 11th Ward. As a teenager he was interested in dramatics, and raised the first \$650 toward building the chapel and amusement hall, which had the best stage, electrical equipment and scenery of any building of its kind in the city. Maud May Babcock later asked the Utah Power and Light to let "Monte" be electrician and spend part of his time at old Social Hall, which he says, "broke my heart when they tore this old landmark down." A little spontaneous combustion fire there had given an excuse for its passings, although like the Salt Lake Theater, it should never have been torn down.

"Monte" also had to send money to his older brother, Joseph, who was on a mission. At 19 Monte served a mission to Germany for two years, being called home when mobilization for World War I began. He served as president of Munich Conference while he was in Germany.

Returning home he again worked for the Utah Power & Light Company until he started his own little business in 1921 almost "on a shoe string" back of an elevator at 18 West 2nd South. This grew until he moved to a location at 28 West 2nd South, and then to a very large electrical store at 39 East First South, the largest of its kind in the Intermountain West, employing 18 people. Depression came and forced removal to his present location at 46 East First South, but the fact remains his first customers are still patronizing him. He won awards for selling "G.E." products, a prize possession being a letter from J. P. Roger, division manager, for outstanding sales. He also won an all expense paid trip to Nassau and Bermuda.

He married Vera May Hardy who was born in Ogden. She has been president of Salt Lake Chapter Daughters of Utah Pioneers. She was mainly responsible for refurbishing the old Chase Mill in Liberty Park, and getting the locomotive and fire engine there. She was also in Relief Society work and was first president of Salt Lake County Camp of D.U.P.

Monte and Vera were married February 21, 1917. In later years they went to Sweden to meet their son, and traveling in their own car

from Naples, Rome, all over Europe, even having an audience with Pope Pius XII. They also have been to Hong Kong, Kwa-loon, Japan, Alaska twice, Honolulu, Thailand, Siam and all over the United States. "Monte" likes fishing. His "silver dollar" collection is one of the best in America. His wife has really been a helpmate and they still work together. She is still active, with him and their two boys. Charles Hardy and Thomas Lamont Felt, in the Felt Electric Co. Their two daughters are, Mrs. Merle Louise, wife of Dr. William A. Blank of Maumee, Ohio, and Mrs. Judith, wife of Captain Bill Pelton of Northridge, California. The Felts have 15 grandchildren.

"Monte" enjoys life. With his wife he built the first Red Seal all electric house in Salt Lake City. He recently supervised the latest in electrical equipped apartment houses. He never sought civic honors, but no man has worked harder than he for others who won fame, and he has raised thousands of dollars to help their cause. He says his hobby is electronics. He hopes to live to see the greatest developments in space, as he is "curious" for what will come.

Activity has kept him young, and he is never idle, though his health will not permit him to do all he wants. He says he owes everything to his wife, who guards over him, shares his responsibilities, watches his diet, sees that he relaxes, and does not worry. He pays her the tribute, "IT'S HER CARE THAT I OWE EVERYTHING TO."

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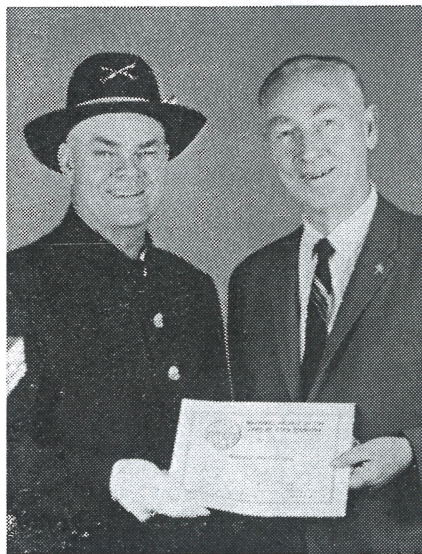
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Life Member No. 78 William E. Erickson



William E. Erickson, Life Member No. 78 receives his Life Membership certificate from Past President Lorenzo B. Summerhays, who is Life Member No. 41.

William E. Erickson was born in Park City, Utah, December 24, 1909, the son of Joseph Albert Erickson, and Ida May Prudence Erickson. William spent his boyhood in Park City where his father died in 1916. He and his mother moved to Salt Lake City in 1923 where he has resided since. William attended school in Salt Lake City and a present is an employee of the Salt Lake City Street Department. In over eighteen years as an employee of the city, he has only missed eleven days of work for sickness.

William is a member of the 13th Quorum of Seventies of the Ensign Stake. He has been a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and of the Mormon Battalion since 1959. He holds the rank of sergeant in the Mormon Battalion.

William has been on many of the treks both with the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion. He thinks the outstanding trek was to Washington, D. C. to participate in the Inaugural parade for President John F. Kennedy. The Mormon Battalion was under the command of Col. Fred M. Reese for that wonderful experience.

William's hobbies are hiking, wrestling, weight lifting, and he enjoys most sports.

He has never married. He claims if a woman marries she trades her bridal veil for a war bonnet and the clouds of war appear.

The Life Members of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers welcome William E. Erickson to their ranks as Life Member Number 78.

BOOK REVIEWS

by Virgil V. Peterson

THE GATHERING OF ZION. THE STORY OF THE MORMON TRAIL, by Wallace Stegner. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York. \$6.95.

Wallace Stegner, one of the most able writers of western history, presents in his inimitable style, the westward trek of the Mormon pioneers. His account is essentially accurate and as unbiased as that of any non-Mormon who has broached the subject.

Covering the period from the Nauvoo exodus in 1846 to the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, the author demonstrates how "the Mormons were one of the principal forces in the settlement of the West," from the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast. "They were the most systematic, organized, disciplined and successful pioneers in our history."

Because the migration was a mass movement of people, including two and three generations and because the movement was generated by sincere religious conviction, there was a cohesiveness, discipline, and solidarity not experienced elsewhere on the western trails. While others tried to outdo their competitors by destruction of trail facilities, the Mormons were building for their successors and for the return journeys which characterized this migration.

Like William Clayton in his daily journal of 1847, Stegner deals with the Mormon pioneers as human beings. He balances their strength against their weaknesses and tries to keep them in their true role as pioneers instead of placing them on a pedestal.

Names of Places and Things in Utah and How They Got Them

Bingham Canyon is in the east slope of the Oquirrh Mountains. It is the site of the largest open cut copper mine in the world. The property of the Kennecott Copper Corporation, it was named for Sanford and Thomas Bingham, who grazed livestock in the canyon during the years of 1848 to 1850. They also had mining claims there.

Blanding, in San Juan County, is a community south of the Abajo Mountains. When first settled it was called Red Mesa. It was later named Grayson to honor Nellie Lyman Grayson, an early pioneer of that town. This name did not last very long. In 1914 Thomas W. Bicknell offered a library to any town in Utah that would take his name for their town. Two towns accepted. Thurber, Wayne County and Grayson, San Juan County, and Thurber became Bicknell and Grayson became Blanding, which was Mrs. Bicknell's maiden name.

Bluff, a town in San Juan County, in the deep narrow San Juan Valley at the mouth of Cottonwood Wash. It was the first Anglo-Saxon settlement in San Juan County. A colony of settlers from Iron County, known as the San Juan Mormon Mission or the Hole-in-the-Rock Pioneers, arrived at the site of Bluff, April 6, 1880 after a long and rugged journey over a desolate and broken terrain. They crossed their greatest barrier, the Colorado River, about 6 miles up-stream from the mouth of the San Juan River, after negotiating the narrow crevice, known since then as the Hole-in-the-Rock. They named the town Bluff in reference to the sheer banks walling the narrow San Juan bottoms, on which they made their home.

Bonanza is a mining town in East Central Uintah County. In this district there are extensive, easily accessible, rich deposits of gilsonite, a solid hydrocarbon, a natural asphalt. The word Bonanza is of Spanish origin and means prosperity.

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On the Move With the Mormon Battalion



by Elias L. Day, Exec. Officer

On Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. at Taylorsville, Utah, the new branch bank of Zions First National Bank was dedicated.

It was centered around the history of two members of the original Mormon Battalion, Jacob Butterfield and Robert Pixton, who settled in the area and many of whose descendants still remain there.

With this thought in mind the officers of Zions First National Bank invited the Mormon Battalion to participate in the exercises, and the Central Division under Col. Sheldon R. Brewster assembled together with the firing squad of the American Legion.

With a covered wagon for a background and the charming presence of the ladies of the Mormon Battalion Auxiliary in their pioneer dresses, the Battalion presented a striking appearance in their colorful uniforms.

Music was furnished by Sgt. Stanley Johnson and Elmer Shingleton. The firing squad of the American Legion were on the job, and at the given signal the Battalion accompanied by a covered wagon in which the ladies of the Battalion rode, came into the picture in front of the ribbon just before it was cut. Colors were taken care of by Elias A. Day and the

Stars and Stripes were raised on the bank's flagpole for the first time by Lt. Litchfield and Sgt. Erickson.

At the conclusion of the raising of the Stars and Stripes, the firing squad fired a salute and while the flag was being raised Stanley Johnson played the call to the colors.

Of the event Zions First National Bank wrote as follows:

"We were thrilled and impressed by the performance of the Mormon Battalion at the opening of our Taylorsville Branch, Friday morning, December 4th.

"We were also delighted that some of the Women's Auxiliary lent their charm and beauty to the occasion.

"We have written a review of this opening to all of the major banking magazines and newspapers entitling the article, "Mormon Battalion Opens New Bank with a Bang." You were so helpful, so considerate, and so anxious to do everything to make this grand opening a success, that we want to express deep appreciation to you for your outstanding contribution."

The President of the Bank also wrote a special letter of appreciation in which he highly commended the performance of the Mormon Battalion and was grateful for their presence and the Ladies'

Auxiliary.

The following men of the Mormon Battalion were present and participated:

Lt. Col. Sheldon R. Brewster, Lt. Col. Harold H. Jenson, Lt. Col. Elias L. Day, Charles D. McAllister, Sgt. William E. Erickson, Master Sgt. Stanley Johnson, Elmer Shingleton, Lt. Howard Litchfield, Lt. Col. S. Richard Keddington, Major Joseph S. Bennion who gave a most inspiring dedicatory prayer; Ray Wilson, Sgt. Ray Utley, Sgt. Roy Chipman, Hyrum J. Richards, Major Frank R. Goodman, M. Norton, Sgt. Eli A. Day, who took charge of the flags; Claude Cheney.

Ladies who attended were Col. Mary Goodman, Mrs. Elias L. Day, Mrs. Stanley Johnson, Mrs. Joseph S. Bennion, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Roy Chipman, Mrs. M. Norton.

The firing squad consisting of the American Legion, under Sgt. Roland Krebs, fired the salute.

SAN BERNARDINO had a contingent of Battalion members on hand January 23 to raise the colors at the dedication of a monument to the early Mormon pioneers of that city. Elder Delbert Stapley was the speaker on that occasion. The event was part of (See Page 11)



John Orson Reeve

John Orson Reeve, Past President of the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club is a third generation pioneer in Utah. Two sets of his grandparents crossed the plains by ox wagon.

Grandfather Orson G. Smith presided over the Cache Stake in Logan from 1890-99. His father, John W. Reeve, fulfilled a mission to New Zealand in 1905-06.

John O. Reeve received his education in the Ogden City Schools and later attended Weber College after graduating from high school in 1930. Higher education was obtained from the University of Utah where he graduated in Civil Engineering in 1935.

Long active in Scouting, Bro. Reeve is a 35-year veteran and a Silver Beaver Award holder. He has served as a Scoutmaster in Ogden, Utah, and Pomona and Los Angeles, California troops as well as an Explorer Adviser, Troop Committeeman, District Committee Chairman and as a member of the Lake Bonneville Council Executive Board for a number of years.

Some of his civic activities include the Chairmanship of a Chamber of Commerce Committee, Secretary of the Ogden Rotary Club and a member of the Golden Spike Livestock Show Committee.

The church has called Brother Reeve to service in a number of capacities. These include that of President of the Elders Quorum of the San Bernardino Stake, a

member of the Bishopric and later Bishop of the Pomona Ward; in the High Council of the Mt. Rubidoux and South Ogden Stakes and presently a member of the Weber Heights Stake Presidency where he has served during the past six years.

Just recently, on December 7, the Silver Wedding Anniversary of John and his wife Helen Johnson was celebrated, an event that was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple in 1939. From this union has come six children, four boys and two girls. Kathleen, the eldest, is graduating from the Brigham Young University this spring.

John Partridge is on a mission to the Eastern States where he was recently assigned as one of the guides to the World's Fair—Mormon Pavilion for the summer. The youngest daughter is a student at Weber College.

Kenlon attends Junior High School, is a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood of the church and is an active Explorer Scout who expects to receive his Eagle badge this spring.

Robert also attends Junior High School, is a Deacon and active in his Scout troop with aspirations to become an Eagle Scout.

Roger attends school a half a day now and has enough energy and vitality to surpass all the other boys in the family.

John O. Reeve has had an interesting career in the engineering field. After graduation from college, he received a Civil Service appointment as an Engineer in the Department of Agriculture in Southern California. During the war years the need for engineers brought him into the defense plants.

Upon receiving his Engineering License in 1945, John started his own engineering practice. In 1952 he and his family moved back to Ogden where he again entered into the private practice of engineering.

At the present time he is the Principal Engineer in a Consulting Engineering organization known as John O. Reeve and Associates.

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the DUP regional convention and the color guard was there because of the invitation of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

AN ANNUAL Christmas party was held at the Senior Citizens' Center, 237 South 10th East for members of Co. A and B and their companions. They decided to hold monthly potluck dinners and meetings at the same location each second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A fine time was had at the dinner and program with the Brewsters and Goodmans supervising the arrangements. Sixty-three attended.

WITH A NEW calendar year just turning the corner, now is the time to bring your memberships to date for 1965. Battalion men who are not already affiliated with a SUP chapter should send in \$5.00 to cover their magazine subscription and their "Membership-at-Large." Two dollars will cover the annual Battalion dues.

THE ANNUAL Mormon Battalion Day, with its banquet, elections, and fan-fare was voted at the January Staff meeting to be held in Logan on April 10. Vern Muir was nominated to chairman the event. *Marvin E. Smith*

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Temple Quarry Chapter Officers for 1965



Front row, L. to R.: Glenn Greenwood, 2nd Vice President; Stephen G. Rawlings, President; Elmer Jones, 1st Vice President; Ken Rasmussen, Trek Master. Back row, L. to R.: Wayne Berrett, Asst. Trek Master; Forester Kirby, Secretary-Treasurer; Francis Tripp, Chaplain.

Temple Quarry

The Temple Quarry Chapter held a Christmas party with their wives at the Sandy 6th Ward Chapel in Sandy, Utah. Bro. T. M. Woolley and his wife were our guests. We surely appreciate having a member of the National with us.

Dinner was served to 55. Turkey with all the trimmings was prepared for us by the Sandy 6th Ward Relief Society. Our good wives decorated the tables.

The program for the evening was as follows:
Welcome of the group by 1st Vice Pres. Elmer Jones
Song, "Come, Come Ye Saints," Group
Invocation and blessing of the food by Ken Brady
Christmas Wish from the Presidency, by Elmer Jones

Our special program was rendered by the Gordon Wright family from Granite, Utah, which consisted of the father and mother, and 10 members of the family, from 2 to 16 years of age. It was a wonderful musical program.

Plans of our future treks were given by our Trek Master, Ken Rasmussen.

We gave a camera and kit as a special membership drive prize, which was won by Lyle Webster of Midvale, Utah.

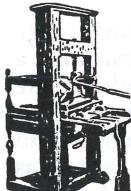
Benediction was by Wayne Berrett, Assistant Trek Master.

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Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club's Annual Banquet



President George Everton, Sr. and wife, President John Reeve and wife, and Vice President (now president) E. LaMar Buckner and wife and others, including National Secretary, T. Mack Woolley and wife, shown in foreground at annual banquet held November 13, 1964 at Weber Heights Center.

E. LaMar Buckner, former president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, was advanced from vice president to president of the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club, Dec. 11, 1964, at the regular meeting at the Mansion House, succeeding John O. Reeve who did an outstanding job with his officers in building the club up to 97 members. Gerald M. Waterfall was elected first vice president, Aaron B. Ross second vice president, James M. Rushford secretary, W. E. Johnson treasurer, Bradley Paul historian, and Dr. Ross Burton chaplain.

Among members, and perhaps oldest in SUP, is Dr. Edward Rich who is 97 years old.

Former national president Fred E. H. Curtis was speaker, telling of the "Pioneer Christmas in Utah," introduced by Stanley Brewer.

Harold H. Jenson, national historian, was also introduced and urged a chapter history be written.

Outstanding projects of the Ogden Pioneer Club include giving the state flag to all schools.

The Old Man's Saddle

by Robt. B. Fox

I remember the old man's saddle
That used to hang in the barn.
Was the tale he told about it true
Or just another yarn?

He said he used it on many a
drive;
It was worn enough at that.
I'd like to see how the old man
looked
When tall in the saddle he sat.

I'll bet he was rugged and lean
when young,
And tough as they'll ever come.
I'd like to have lived in those days
To watch the doggies run.

But I have to live those times in
dreams
While that saddle gathers more
dust.
Too bad the old man can't ride it
no more—
Many's the wild bronc he'd bust.

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"Historical Monuments — Still A Monumental Task"

by Dr. Orson Whitney Young
Chairman, Trails and Landmarks
Committee

In compiling a list of historical plaques, markers and monuments for tourists, I have learned that many people have done a wonderful work in preserving for posterity stories of the building of communities throughout the State of Utah. The great trek across the plains was only the beginning of the Western Story. Tales dealing with subsequent settlement of mountain valleys are less spectacular, but, nevertheless, interesting, inspirational and no less heroic because they dealt with stay-at-home activities instead of movement over great distance. Indians had to be dealt with, towns laid out and organized, farms, businesses and homes had to be established, churches and schools had to be built and the groundwork laid for a culture and a society worthy of people who had suffered much for the principles of religion and liberty.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers have erected well over 300 markers describing events, people and buildings of this pioneer period within the Intermountain West. The Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association has a list of about 110 monuments, the majority of which are in Utah. Chambers of Commerce, our own organization, the Pony Express Centennial, Boy Scout troops and family organizations fill out the list of those who have contributed to this worthwhile process. At present, however, the only organized effort is being carried on by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Having lost its leaders by death, the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association has not been active for quite a few years. To fulfill our obligation to our pioneer forebearers and to help complete the work so well begun, the Sons of the Utah Pioneers should assume their part of the task of erecting monuments commemorating events, people and places of historical significance.

However, the serious tourist, who wishes to feel the pulse of our people and follow the development of our communities, will have

difficulty finding many of the markers describing what the pioneers had to contend with and what they accomplished. In this booklet on which I am working, I will attempt to locate the markers and give the traveller minute directions for finding them without inquiry at the local service station, too often a disappointing procedure. Sometimes I have tried myself with scant success to find certain markers. I well remember seeking a certain monument describing the location of an old fort and drove past it twice before I finally noticed it. It had been so obscured by the growth of rampant shrubbery that it was almost completely hidden. If an experienced native has such difficulty, what will the casual traveler do? He will do what any other hurried tourist would do—drive on to find something taking less time and more rewarding to his efforts.

In this day of high speed travel on busy highways, the marker has no place except where a well-guarded, plainly-marked access road permits the tourist to pull off the road in safety and read without being fanned by passing cars. In line with this new development in travel, the Utah State Historical Society, in concert with the Utah State Department of Highways, is re-locating markers set up by the Department as well as re-writing the texts in harmony with up-to-date information. This project is under the supervision of Dr. Everett Coolley, Director of the Society.

This, then, points up another project appropriate to the role of the Sons of Utah Pioneers: not only to seek to erect new markers, but to re-locate those which are in positions where they cannot be found or where they cannot be conveniently or safely read. In my opinion, the best place for monuments is in a park or properly landscaped grounds. Not only will the plaques be read by local residents and plenty of the younger generation could well be reminded of pioneer achievements but they will be easily and conveniently accessible to tourists. Furthermore, they will have better protection from the vandal. Quite a few of

our monuments have bullet holes in them. Whatever new ones we wish to erect, it should be done only after consultation with the Highway Department and the Utah Historical Society.

Here is a worthwhile undertaking for the project committee of the chapter. The chapter presidents should urge the committees to look for events, people and places not yet commemorated in a plaque or marker. In doing so, the committee could well consider achievements of the pioneers of our day: the industrial and scientific men and events. The statue of D. C. Jackling in the State Capitol Building is a good illustration of the type of monument which could be contemplated. In my opinion, a monument to John M. Browning, gun inventor, would be an appropriate one to consider. It is true that the National Guard Armory is named after him and that his portrait and a collection of his guns is on display, yet a marker on the City Hall Square would be of value as a tourist attraction and would serve to call attention to the larger exhibit at the Armory.

Another example of something which ought to be memorialized is the rehabilitation of the Davis County Watershed above Farmington. This was accomplished under the direction of two of our brethren of the SUP: Dr. Reed W. Bailey and Arnold R. Standing. This achievement is unique in range management and the area is a showplace to which visitors from over the world come to witness what can be done to restore plant cover to once again bring back orderly stream flow and freedom from floods.

Much remains to be accomplished. Not all the monuments have been erected, nor have they all been placed for the most effective display. Sons of the Utah Pioneers can still pioneer in showing the world examples of community development which other people will find encouraging and inspirational.

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Front row, L. to R.: Glen C. Bills, 1st Vice President; Tanner L. Brown, President; Joseph Max Jacobsen, Treasurer. Back row, L. to R.: Richard G. Welch, Secretary; R. Emerson Curtis, 3rd Vice President; Rollo C. Kimball, 2nd Vice President.

SUP Historian Needs Histories

by H. H. Jensen

The National Sons of Utah Pioneers historian has received the Golden Spike Chapter history and the Box Elder Chapter of the SUP for publication sometime.

The Salt Lake SUP Luncheon Club already has a rather complete history, with the exception of a few years when no minutes were kept, but newspapers will be searched for reports of these meetings, bringing it up to date.

The Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club has appointed a new historian, and with the help of the former historian, it is thought that this history can be brought up to date. Secretary Webb is getting the Lehi Chapter history up to date.

Logan's Temple Fork Chapter is at work on their history, which was started in 1945.

So, please get busy. Write to H. H. Jensen, 1840 Westminster, Salt Lake City, Utah for any help. Get your old minutes together and send them in, or get your historian to brief same. Many thanks.

H.H.J.

Historical - Patriotic Calendar

Submitted by Newell Knight
JANUARY

- *Jan. 1 (1752) Betsy Ross born in Philadelphia
- Jan. 1 (1863) President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation
- Jan. 1 (1897) First Rural Free Delivery
- Jan. 1 (1913) U. S. Parcel Post went into operation
- Jan. 1 (1959) Fidel Castro seized Cuban control; Batista fled
- Jan. 2 (1788) Georgia admitted to the Union as the fourth state
- Jan. 2 (1942) Japanese army occupied Manila
- Jan. 3 (1959) President Eisenhower proclaimed Alaska 49th State
- Jan. 3 (1961) U. S. severed diplomatic relations with Cuba
- Jan. 4 (1896) Utah admitted to the Union as the 45th State
- Jan. 4 (1959) Russia launched the first man-made satellite
- Jan. 6 (1838) Samuel Morse perfected first telegraph, Morristown, N. J.
- Jan. 6 (1927) U. S. Marines entered Nicaragua to protect U.S. interests, withdrawn in 1933

- Jan. 7 (1789) First national election held
- Jan. 8 (1961) Five-year commemoration of Civil War opened
- Jan. 8 (1963) Washington said Americans had highest personal income in 1962
- Jan. 9 (1788) Connecticut admitted to the Union as the fifth State
- Jan. 9 (1793) First U. S. balloon ascension over Philadelphia
- Jan. 9 (1917) Buffalo Bill Cody died
- Jan. 9 (1945) U. S. forces invaded Japanese-held Philippines at Luzon
- Jan. 9 (1963) 88th Congress opened in Washington
- Jan. 10 (1920) League of Nations formed, Geneva, Switzerland
- Jan. 10 (1946) First UN Assembly opened in London
- Jan. 10 (1946) U. S. Army Signal Corps bounced first radar signals off the moon
- Jan. 15 (1915) First telephone conversation, New York to San Francisco by Alexander G. Bell
- Jan. 16 (1963) Khrushchev in Berlin declared U. S. has 40,000 nuclear warheads
- Jan. 17 (1706) Benjamin Franklin (See Page 16)

Sugar House Chapter Christmas Party, Installation of Officers



J. Spencer Cornwall, prominent Utah musician, left, Horace A. Sorensen and Eli LeCheminant examine portrait of Mr. Cornwall presented by Sugar House Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

by James A. Smyth

On Monday, December 28, 1964 the Sugar House Chapter of SUP held their annual Christmas banquet and installation of new officers at the Parleys Ward Cultural Hall. The usual luscious roast beef dinner, oven brown potatoes and all the trimmings was served by The Distinctive Caters to 160 persons. Under the supervision of Belle Kimball, the lovely wife of Rollo C. Kimball, the tables were very attractively decorated in accordance with the festive season. All present received a favor.

The new officers are: Pres., Tanner L. Brown; 1st V.P., Glenn C. Bills; 2nd V.P., Rollo C. Kimball; 3rd V.P., R. Emerson Curtis; Sec., Richard G. Welch; Treas., J. Max Jacobsen.

The program chairman, Horace A. Sorensen, had a member of the chapter, Composer, J. Spencer Cornwall, narrate and conduct his own Christmas music, "This Is Christmas." A very lovely and outstanding spiritual evening was enjoyed by everyone.

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New Haven, Connecticut

Jan. 29 (1861) Kansas admitted to Union at 34th State

Jan. 29 (1962) 39-month nuclear test ban Geneva talks broke up in disagreement

Jan. 29 (1963) Robert Frost, "Dean of American Poets" died at 88 in Boston

Jan. 30 (1918) American troops in France took first independent sector

Jan. 30 (1933) Adolph Hitler became Chancellor of Germany

Jan. 30 (1948) Mohandas Ghandi assassinated

Jan. 31 (1945) U. S. and Allied troops wiped out Nazi's Ardennes "Bulge"

Jan. 31 (1958) First U. S. satellite in orbit

Jan. 31 (1962) Cuba expelled from OAS by 14 nations

Jan. 31, 1958 — FIRST U. S. SATELLITE. The U. S. Army launched the first U. S. satellite, the Explorer I, from Cape Canaveral. It was a cylinder 80 inches long, 6 inches wide, packed with instruments to measure cosmic rays, micrometeorites and temperature. It orbited out to 1,573 miles. Around the earth in 106.2 minutes. Still in orbit.

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lin born on Milk Street, Boston

Jan. 17 (1912) Captain Robert F. Scott and four men reached the South Pole

Jan. 17 (1963) President John F. Kennedy proposed highest budget in history.

Jan. 18 (1782) Daniel Webster born at Salisbury (now Franklin), N.H.

Jan. 18 (1963) State Department said Red China has A-bombs

Jan. 19 (1807) Robert E. Lee, General, Confederate Army, born in Stratsford, Virginia

Jan. 20 (1945) Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as President for fourth term

Jan. 20 (1961) John F. Kennedy inaugurated as 35th President of U.S.

Jan. 20 (1963) Khrushchev claimed Soviets had 120 nuclear missiles hidden "somewhere"

Jan. 21 (1957) Eisenhower inaugurated for second term as President

Jan. 21 (1924) Soviet Premier Nicolai Lenin, died at 54

Jan. 21 (1954) Nautilus, first A-powered sub, launched at Groton, Connecticut

Jan. 21 (1959) U. S. Satellite broadcast President's voice

Jan. 24 (1848) Gold discovered in California at Sutter's Mill

Jan. 24 (1963) President Kennedy asked Congress to cut taxes more than three billion dollars

Jan. 26 (1837) Michigan admitted to Union as 26th State

Jan. 26 (1911) Glen Curtis's first successful flight on water

Jan. 27 (1943) U. S. AAF in first attack on Germany

Jan. 27 (1963) U. S. watching build-up of Red arms in Cuba

Jan. 28 (1878) First commercial telephone exchange opened at



## BRIGHAM YOUNG'S LOST GOLD MINE

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Persecuted yet staunch in their faith, Joseph Smith's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and his followers moved across the land searching for a new Zion. In Illinois, Smith and his brother were murdered and Brigham Young inherited the Prophet's mantle.

He, Brigham Young, led his people westward and after much hardship they came to a lake of salt and founded Utah in 1847, Salt Lake City, citadel of the Mormon faith.

Then followed the famous hand cart brigade of the Mormons across the prairies to the new Zion on the salty shores, a saga of courage and faith.

Two years later, the California gold rush of 1849 started a stream of covered wagon trains westward in a seemingly never ending chain. Although this gold fever was nationwide in scope, even attracting many gold hungry adventures from foreign lands, Brigham Young managed to keep his followers completely immune from the glittering contagion. This was an even more remarkable feat than it seems in view of the fact that his Mormon Battalion veterans returning from the Mexican War sought employment at Sutter's Mill and figured prominently in the initial discovery of gold in California in 1849.

As a matter of fact, the Mormon pioneers fared better than did many of the gold seekers who crossed through the settlements on their way to the gold fields. By the time the wagon trains reached Utah, their teams were so jaded they could no longer pull their heavy loads. It became expedient then to trade with the Mormons for fresh horses and also to lighten their heavy loads for the great pull over the Sierra Nevadas. As a result, much of the finest manufactured goods from the East that the wagon trains contained was sold to the Mormons for less than it cost originally.

Early in this program, Brigham Young found it necessary to have an adequate supply of gold coins. There was none sufficiently available from the states, so he had to,

of necessity, coin his own so that he would have an acceptable medium of exchange with which to do business both on a domestic basis and to pursue lively bargaining with the numerous wagon trains.

Any kind of mining activity was severely frowned upon by Brigham Young and the Latter-day Saints Church leaders, of that time, because they felt that all their efforts should be devoted to colonization, bringing the wilderness under cultivation and making friends with the Indians, whom they fondly referred to as the "Lamanites," descendants of common ancestors originating in Jerusalem in 600 B. C. So from the Mormon's earliest colonization a doctrine in regard to the Indian was adopted and as far as possible strictly followed. Their basic belief was that it was far better to feed the Indian than it was to shed his blood. The strict Mormon prohibition of mining activity soon made the supply of gold for coinage a very acute problem. In fact, the gravity of the situation appeared to be without solution until their strong and friendly relationship with the Indians suddenly paid off.

Becoming aware of the Mormon's monetary plight, Chief Walker whom Brigham Young had befriended revealed to the Elder that his people had a rich and abundant supply in the back reaches of their reservation high in the Uinta Mountains, and that he was willing to, under certain conditions, allow Brigham Young to obtain as much of the valuable yellow metal as he needed.

It was fairly common knowledge that a fabulous source of gold existed because the Utes bought what they needed from the whites with "money rock," which were chunks of almost pure gold, evidently mined with no more effort than chopping it free by means of a hand axe or a tomahawk. It was obvious that somewhere in these high Uintas existed a gold strike that was the realization of a prospector's fondest dreams, where the gold was so rich that one would be more correct in saying "there is rock in the gold," instead of gold in the rock!

This "money rock" had lured several white men to their deaths when they had been foolish enough to suppose that they could trail the Indians to their rich supply of gold. Of the many who tried

it, none ever returned alive to tell about it.

The location of this fabulous supply of gold remained and still remains a tightly guarded secret of the Utes. Some believe that perhaps the secret itself has died with those Indians who were its special guardians. Others believe that, like the lost Dutchman Mine of Arizona, the Indians are maintaining a sacred vigilance upon this wealth which was rightly theirs from the beginning and are holding it in reserve for some dedicated purpose, associated with the time, which many Indian prophets have proclaimed will come, when the white man will be destroyed and gone from the face of the land which is rightfully his, to make it as it was before being changed and despoiled by his white "brother."

Chief Walker's conditions for making this gold available to Brigham Young were very specific. The Indians would not mine it for him, since they were interested in obtaining only enough for their own needs, which were very meager. Brigham Young would have to place his most trusted man under oath never to reveal the location of this gold to another white man. This man would then receive the protection of the Indians but he would be under constant surveillance while he obtained enough of the gold to satisfy the needs of the Mormons.

It was not sufficient for this trusted man to take his oath upon the white man's Bible, instead he must take this oath upon the Book of Mormon also, which the Mormon's had taught them was really the Indian Bible written by the ancestors of the Indian. Such an oath, upon pain of death for violation, would be acceptable and Brigham Young was to continue his friendly policy of feeding the Indians whenever they were in need of food.

Thus it was in the year 1850, two trusted Mormons, Thomas Rhodes and his son Caleb Rhodes, took this unusual oath and followed the Indian guides into the Uinta Mountains to the fabulous mine of the Utes. They had not left, however, until Brigham Young had properly set them apart for this mission by the laying on of hands and had given them the special blessings of the  
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Lord for the successful fulfillment of their most unusual work.

According to Caleb Rhodes, the deposit of gold had not been over-rated nor exaggerated, much of it was, indeed, so rich that the rock was rotten with gold. It could, Caleb swore, be called gold bearing rock rather than rock bearing gold. Enough could be brought out on their pack animals in one trip to satisfy the current needs of the Mormon settlements for gold coins and other uses such as interior decorations in the various temples then under construction.

Thomas Rhodes and his son, Caleb subsequently made quite a few trips to this rich supply of gold and as long as Brigham Young lived, Chief Walker kept this covenant and Rhodes and his son never met with restraint or interference from the Utes. They were permitted to take all the gold they could carry out on their pack animals each and every time. On the other hand, Rhodes and his son remained as tight-lipped and secretive about the location of the mine as they had sworn they would. No one, no matter how they coaxed and tried could pry loose the secret of the fabulously rich Indian gold from these dedicated men.

Peace remained between the Mormons and the Utes and there was no trouble in Utah until 1853 and up to that time Brigham Young continued to remove enough gold to fill his needs from the Ute mine. Then altercations arose between Chief Walker and the white settlers when the Chief objected to Mormon interference with the age-old and customary Indian slave trading and horse stealing. The Utes, led by Chief Walker, went on the warpath and attacked the Mormon settlements. But the Latter-day Saints were prepared and from behind defensive walls at Springville, Pleasant Creek, Nephi and Manti, Mormon militia fought and drove off the attacking Utes. Defeated, Chief Walker made peace but from then on refused to allow the Mormons access to the gold mine. Caleb Rhodes declared that during this time on occasion he had been able to slip in and get some of the gold for his own use. But he always asserted that never, at any time, had he violated his covenant with Chief Walker or Brigham Young.

Never had he revealed to any man the location of the gold mine and never at any time would he do so.

Caleb Rhodes wavered a little at one time, however, when he felt that he might render a great service to his country. He sent a sample of this ore to Washington, D. C. telling them that if they removed this land from the Indian Reservation and made it available for filing mining claims, that he personally would be glad to pay off the national debt which at that time was considerable.

Congress wasted no time in removing the designated land from the Reservation, but rejected Caleb's offer to pay off the National debt. Instead through their own private connections, the Florence and Raving Mining Company was organized which began prospecting on this reservation before it was thrown open to the public. They located a number of latterite, gilsonite and other mineral deposits but were never able to find the so-called Brigham Young Mine. When Caleb Rhodes was asked if he was not fearful that the politically spawned company would find the mine, he replied, "No, they will never find it because it is located where they will least look for it."

Caleb Rhodes was never permitted to violate his covenant with Brigham Young, Chief Walker and the Lord. When the temptation might have been too great for him to bear, just at the time the reservation was thrown open for prospecting and mining, he passed away. And for all practical purposes his secret passed away with him, for both his father and Brigham Young, the only other white men to know the secret of the mine, had died before him.

When Caleb realized that he was going to die, he endeavored to draw a map of the terrain leading to the mine so that his wife, then advanced in age, might, with someone's help, be able to find it. The map was made upon a piece of buckskin about the size of a man's hand and like the mine itself was a closely guarded secret. It became known in time as "the map of the three crosses" due to the cross signs appearing on the map. However, some who have seen it point out that these three crosses could have been made to

indicate the top of a mountain ridge.

This map recently came to light and was published in the Uintah Basin Standard of Roosevelt, Utah, July 10, 1958, along with an affidavit concerning the map's history. It has come into the hands of Benjamin H. Bullock, an old time mining prospector and promoter who declared that by means of this map and a special instrument, which one might regard as a specialized divining rod, he has located the mother lode of the mine variously called the "Indian," "Ute," "Brigham Young," "Mormon" and "Rhodes." Although the mine itself he had not been able to find. To verify this find he would have to drive a horizontal tunnel some 200 or more feet into the location until the vertical quartz formation bearing this rich gold lode could be reached.

Although Bullock filed claims on this location for his own mining companies and maintained the claims, being advanced in years he passed away before being able to verify his declaration that he had found the famous Mormon Lost Mine.

Since he published the map himself in the Roosevelt newspaper, we see no harm here in reproducing it again, with the accompanying affidavit of its history. And in case you personally feel that Mr. Bullock had not found the long lost, fabulous mine of Brigham Young, Chief Walker and the Rhodes father and son, then you are welcome to an ever popular quest that had never lacked for enthusiastic participants throughout the past century.

The Affidavit concerning the map reads as follows:

"To Whom It May Concern: To the best of my knowledge the following is a true history of the Rhodes Mine Map, a copy of which I have in my possession.

"The original map from which I made this copy on paper was made on a small piece of buckskin about as large as one's hand and was owned by Ortiza Rhodes who was slain by the Indians and robbed of his map. The Indians then brought it to Price, Utah, and traded it back to the Rhodes family.

Living with the Rhodes family at that time was a young man named Jake Colbert, who got it (See Page 19)



## True Pioneer Story

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Many years ago in a small log cabin in Utah, William C. McGregor had to leave his wife, Sarah, and his young family to go on a trip. Sarah was sorry to see her husband go, but she was a brave woman and she knew that they must have the supplies her husband was going for.

There had not been any trouble with the Indians for quite a while, but William left her his best rifle and fastest horse just in case of trouble.

Sarah kept busy with her children because the smallest ones had to be watched so they wouldn't go too far from the cabin. There were many rattlesnakes in the surrounding rocks and brush.

Sarah also worked many hours on her patchwork quilts. She was very proud of her quilts and anyone who received one for a gift knew they had received one of her dearest treasures.

One morning Sarah was fixing a special treat for the children. She started a large batch of bread and a pot of the children's favorite stew with dumplings. Everything should have been fine, but for some reason Sarah was nervous and uneasy. Even Sarah didn't know why. She tried to keep a smile on her face for the sake of the children, but the feeling persisted.

When evening came and it was time to go out and feed the animals, Sarah decided to do the chores herself. The older children usually took care of the stock, but Sarah could not bring herself to send them out alone.

The corral was dark and as she started into the barn to get hay she felt something grab her leg! She muffled a much needed scream and looked down. Much to her relief, it was only an old piece of rope that was tangled around a piece of hay! Sarah almost laughed now, but it was a laugh of relief. Now she could see more clearly in the dark and she quickly fed the stock and gave her favorite horse a loving pat on the neck. Then she hurried back to the house.

After the children were in bed, Sarah sat down near the window to work on some quilt blocks. She

found herself straining her ears for each sound outside. She could not shake off her feeling that something was wrong. Suddenly Sarah heard horses outside and a great deal of commotion! Sarah's heart started beating a little faster as she reached over and blew out the lamp. She slowly and cautiously, being careful not to make any noise, peeked out the window. She saw a group of Indians gathered in the yard. They were pushing one another and shouting loudly. Sarah could tell they were Navajos so she tried to make out what they were fighting about. Having lived around some of them she could speak the Navajo language.

Then Sarah noticed that there was a very small girl in the center of the group. She was being pulled and pushed about by the men. This was all Sarah needed. She rushed out the front door and confronted the group. She found out they had captured the little girl from another tribe and some of the Indians wanted to kill her because she was slowing them down, while others wanted to take her on to sell as a slave. Sarah's heart went out to the child, she could see that the cruel Indians had burned the little girl's feet to keep her from running away.

The Indians were a formidable looking group, but when Sarah was riled she was not one to back down. Her first thought was that she had to get the little girl away from the cruel redmen, so in the casual way of the Navajo she asked them if they would trade the child to her. The Navajos loved to trade and they could see, here was a chance for a good trade. So they quieted down and prepared to drive a hard bargain.

Sarah thought the Indians might be hungry so she asked them if they would trade the child for flour, sugar and bacon. The Indians shook their heads "no trade."

Sarah ran into the house and brought out three of her most colorful quilts. She hoped the bright colors would appeal to the Indians. The braves passed them around and argued among themselves for a minute and then handed them back, shaking their heads.

In desperation Sarah ran down to the dark corral and slipped a

halter on old Betsy, the family's favorite horse. She led her back to where the Indians waited, and a murmur went up among the braves. They knew now the woman would give a great deal to get the little girl. One by one the braves carefully looked at the horse, then knowing they could drive an even harder bargain they said "no trade."

With a sick feeling in her stomach for fear she could not get the child, Sarah ran into the house and grabbed William's best gun. She tried to calm herself so she wouldn't appear too anxious. Walking out slowly she said this was her last offer—the gun for the girl! She could see the Navajos' eyes widen at the sight of the fine rifle. They talked among themselves for only a moment then they said "we trade."

Gratefully Sarah clutched the little girl in her arms and took her into the house. There was never a more frightened looking little girl that the one Sarah had in her kitchen that night, but after her feet had been bandaged and she had eaten a dish of stew, she smiled a very small, grateful smile.

Sarah never regretted the trade she made that night. She raised the little Indian girl as one of her own and she grew up to be a very beautiful woman and a devoted member of the L.D.S. Church. She married a white man and raised a fine family. She has descendants now in Cedar City, Utah and they are very proud of their Indian heritage.

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from a member of the family. My husband, Warren Sulser, quite some time later, secured it from Mr. Colbert and I became its owner when Mr. Sulser passed away."

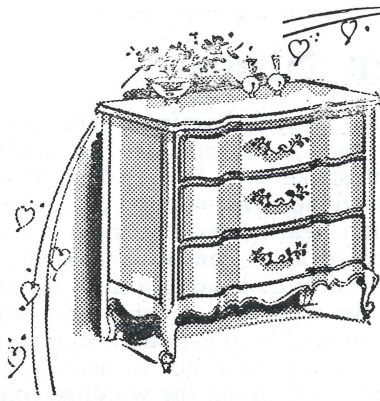
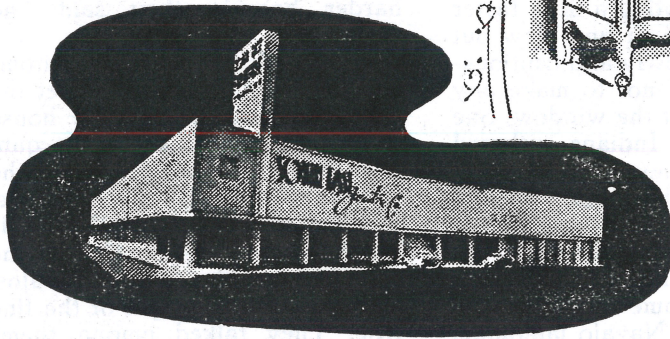
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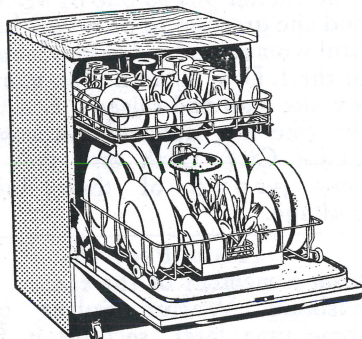

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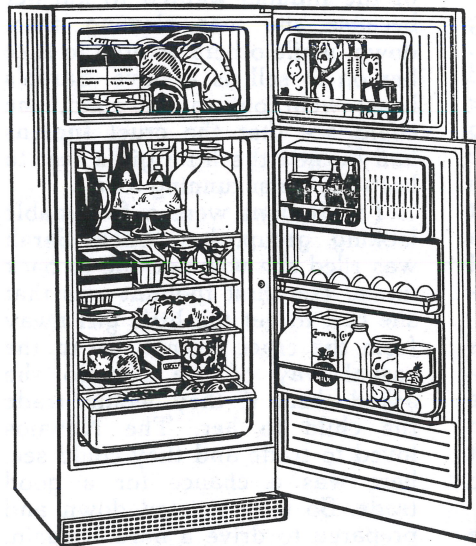
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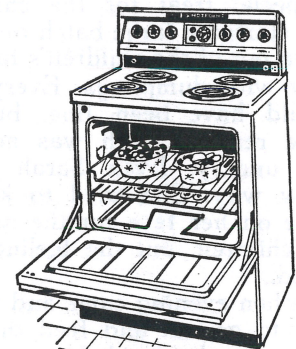
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